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## **REMARKS**

Claims 3, 6, 14, and 19 have been amended. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-13, 15-18, and 20 have been canceled.

The Office Action states that claims 3, 6, 14, and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. (See Office Action, page 4, paragraph 11). To facilitate prosecution, claims 3, 6, 14, and 19 have been amended as suggested by the Office Action.

In view of the amendments and the remarks above, Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the above-identified application, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss this application.

Respectfully submitted.

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